

**REMARKS**

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Claims 28, 30 and 44 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant has rewritten them in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 27, 29, 31-43 depend either directly or indirectly from Claims 28, 30 and 44 and are believed to be in a condition for allowance for at least the same reason as Claims 28, 30 and 44.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the claims as amended overcome the raised objections and rejections and are in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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